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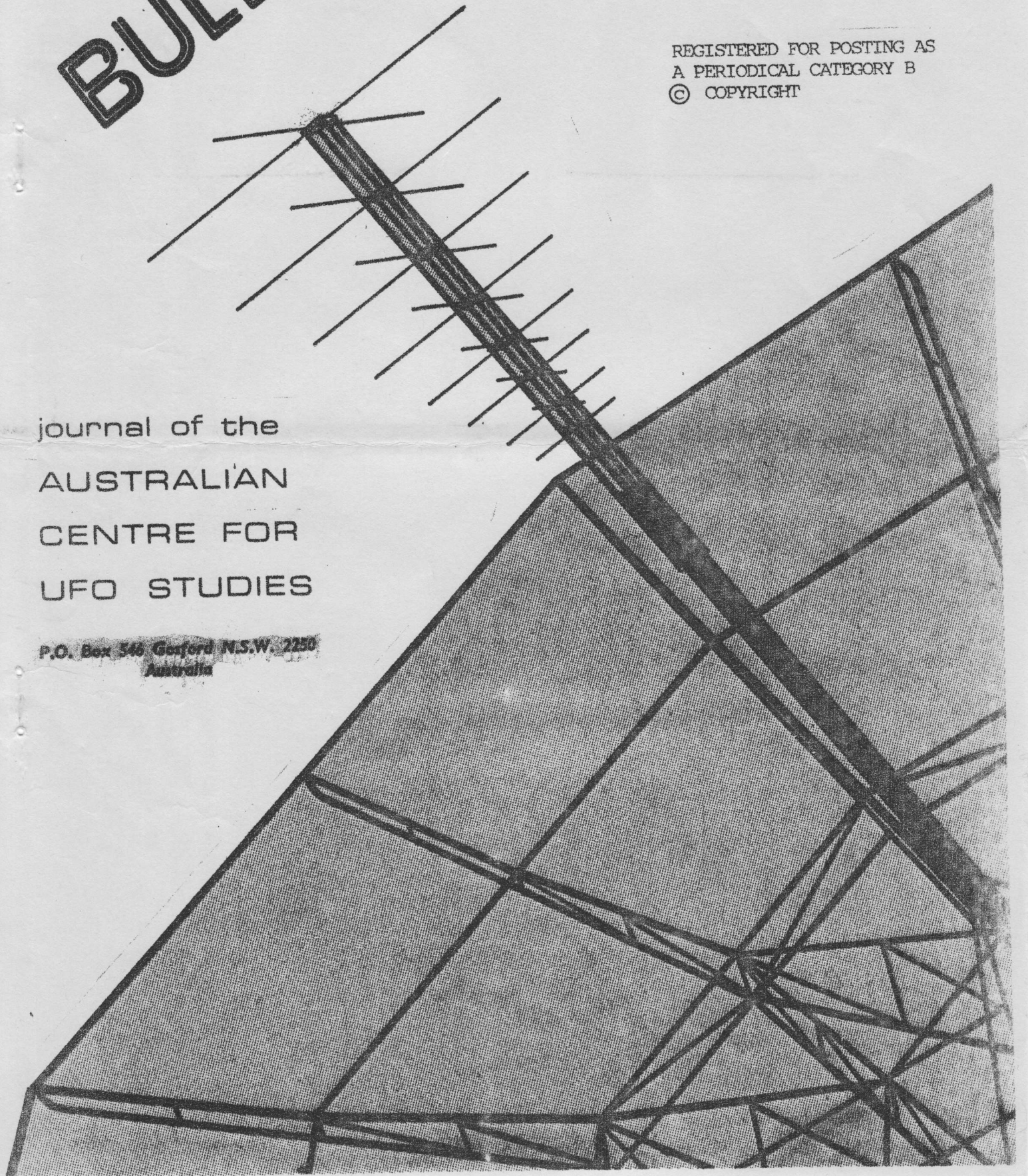
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Summary of the 1978 Situation.

Most reports were of white nocturnal lights and were made by witnesses in the 21 to 30 year age-group. Where a colour was noted, once again this tended to be toward the red end of the spectrum.

Distribution by month revealed that spring and summer were the months in which most reports were made - with October having the highest number. On the other hand August had no reports and February ( a traditional "low" month) and November were poor. It may or may not be a co-incidence that many parts of Australia had a good deal of cloud in November whereas October was a fairly clear month.

In general, there appears to be no distinct pattern other than normal social features - i.e. patterns of observation rather than patterns of apparition.

NOTES:

Following serious thought and discussion, it was felt that the following items will be deleted from future statistics. OCCUPATION OF WITNESSES, COLOURS OF OBJECTS, WEATHER CONDITIONS, WITNESS PERSONAL RELATIONS AND HOW REPORTS WERE RECEIVED. Reasons for this are as follows.

OCCUPATIONS: There has been a good cross-section of these every year. We don't feel that anything of interest will come of repeating this section year after year - we can consider it established that "John Citizen" reports UFOs. Nothing of scientific interest is likely to come out of it.

COLOURS: This is too detailed to be of much use as it stands. The colour categories of red, yellow, blue, white, multicoloured, silver and non-luminous (i.e. dark) would be quite enough. The question could be "which colour was it nearest to?" and then give the above list. We only really need to know which end of the spectrum the colour approached and there is little point in distinguishing between "pinkish-red, orange-yellow" or the rest as far as yearly statistics are concerned.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: This section will be left out as there is a high percentage of UFOs in clear conditions because most are NL and people are more likely to be out of doors when the night is fine. The only interesting category is that of thunderstorm, as a significant number of UFOs here would support the ball-lightning hypothesis. The results clearly show that this is not the case and there seems little point in flogging the dead horse over this one.

PERSONAL RELATIONS: If anything interesting was going to come from this, it would have. It hasn't, and so this section can be dropped. This section and the others were more or less "experimental" - included to see if anything came out, but by now it would be apparent if anything at all was going to show.

HOW REPORTS RECEIVED: (T.V. station, letters etc.) Probably not of much interest as it seems to be pretty regular and is not likely to lead to anything of scientific interest.



OCCUPATIONS (number of reports)

<u>Identifieds.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Unidentifieds</u>	<u>No.</u>
Unknown	186	Unknown	65
Housewife	13	Housewife	28
Student	9	Student	9
Office Duties	6	Retired	8
Electrician	4	Clerk/Managers	6
Sales Assistant	3	Self Employed	5
Unemployed	3	Secretary	4
Police Officer	2	Labourer	4
Clerk	2	Clerk	4
Cook	2	Auto Mechanic	3
Teacher	2	Teacher	3
Truck Driver	1	Farmer	3
Nurse	2	Bank employee	2
Calc. Operator	1	Woodworker	2
Showman	1	Writer	2
Labourer	1	Truck Driver	2
Hairdresser	1	Producer	1
Pilot	1	Lab. Assistant	1
T.V. Cameraman	1	Social Worker	1
Signwriter	1	Apprentice	1
Farmer	1	Aircraft Refueller	1
Retired	1	Photographer	1
Florist	1	Toolmaker	1
Shop Owner	1	Army Guard	1
Timber Cutter	1	Insurance Broker	1
		Printer	1
		Tradesman	1
		Draughtsman	1
		Sales Assistant	1
		Shipowner	1
		Pilot	1
		Electrician	1
		Warder	1
		Unemployed	1
		Lighthouse Keeper	1
		Hospital Assistant	1
		Taxi Driver	1
		Aircraft Engineer	1
		Butcher	1
		News Anchorman	1
		Pensioner	1
		Train Driver	1
		Bank Officer	1
		Plant Operator	1
		Beatician	1
		Business Prop.	1
		Hairdresser	1
		Estate Agent	1
		Bread Slicer	1
<u>Possible Unidentifieds.</u>			
Unknown	77		
Housewife	5		
Labourer	3		
Student	2		
Crane Driver	1		
Baker	1		
Storeman	1		
Farm Hand	1		
Aircraft Engineer	1		
Builder	1		
Pensioner	1		
Clerk	1		
Engineer	1		
Mechanic	1		
Foreman	1		
Accountant	1		
Truck Driver	1		
Physicist	1		
<u>Still Under Investigation.</u>			
Unknown	2		
Painter/Decorator	2		
Truck Driver	1		
Housewife	1		
Hairdresser	1		
Hospital Maintenance	1		

Multiple Witness Relations (Where known)

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
<u>Woman with:</u>	Husband	17	Close Relation	6
	Close Relation	5	Friend	1
	Friend	5		
	Other	1		
<u>Man With:</u>	Close Relation	7	Wife	13
	Friend	14	Close Relation	11
	Other	5		

Weather Conditions.

	<u>Calm</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Rain</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Clear	54			27
Scattered Cloud	20			7
Heavy Cloud	8			4
Distant Thunderstorm	1			-
Thunderstorm				2
Unknown				1

Physical Trace Cases.

The number of ground markings in 1978 totalled 12, Seven of which appeared to be of unknown nature. Of the remainder, one was diagnosed as a "natural clearing" and the others were; landing (no other details given), car-stop, transformer shorted, man's hair bleached and car-polish tarnished.

Sounds.

Low Hum	1	Rushing noise	1
High-pitched	1	Crackle	1
Whirr	1	Pulse	1
Hum	2	Jet-like	2
Buzz (like bees)	2	ODOUR - Sulphurous	1

Colours - Percentage Breakdown.

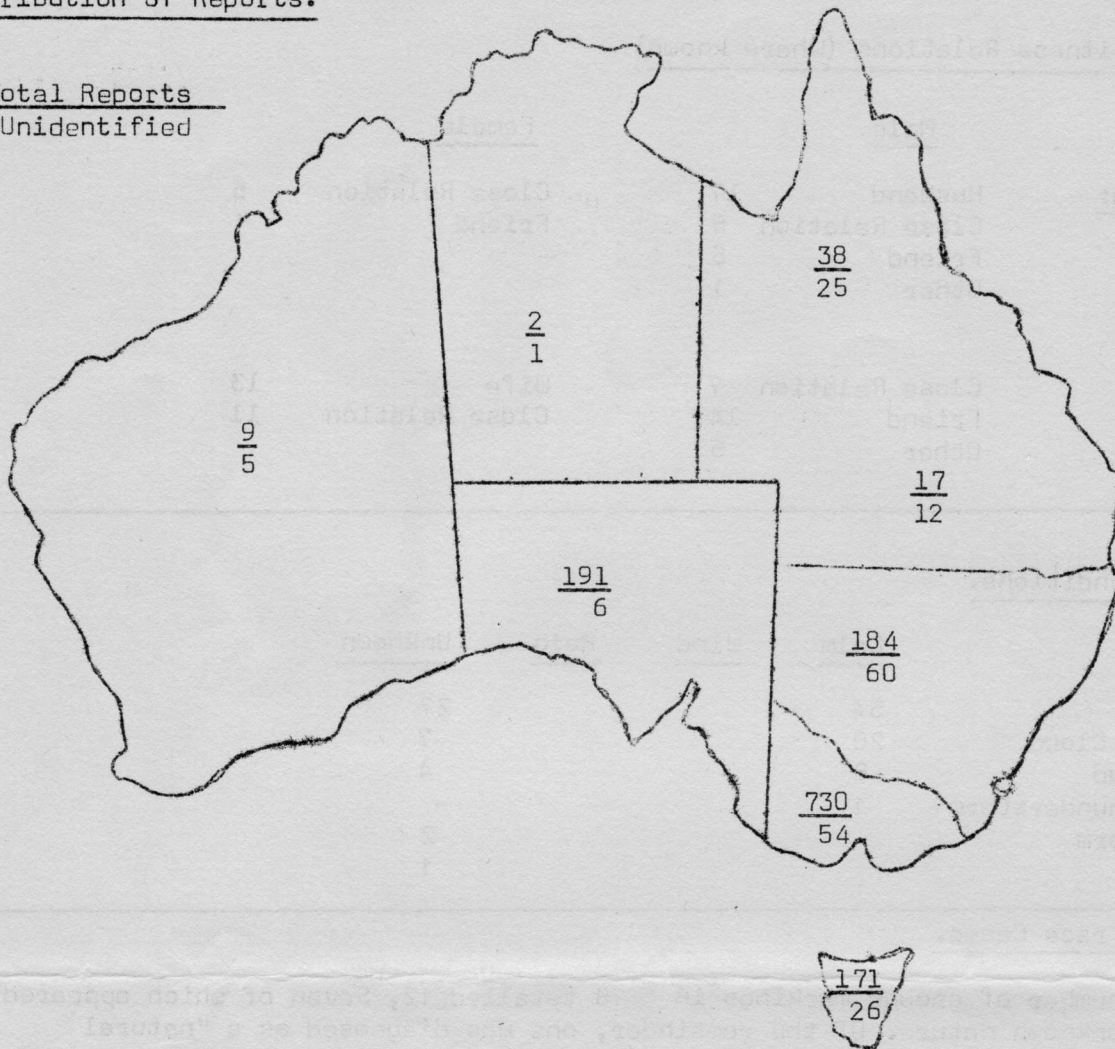
White	41.91%	Orange/Yellow	1.47%	Dark White (sic)	0.73%
Orange	8.82%	Shiny	1.47%	Bronze	0.73%
Red	5.14%	Green/Blue	1.47%	Silver/Yellow	0.73%
Multi coloured	5.88%	Pink	1.47%	Misty (sic)	0.73%
Green	5.19%	Yellow/White	0.73%	Orange to Pink	0.73%
Yellow	5.14%	Dark Grey	0.73%	Gold	0.73%
Blue	3.67%	Silver/Brown	0.73%	Blue to Red	0.73%
Grey	2.90%	Dark Brown	0.73%	Purple	0.73%
Black	2.20%	Dark Red	0.73%	Light Grey	0.73%
Silver	1.47%	Dark Green	0.73%	Yellow/Green	0.73%



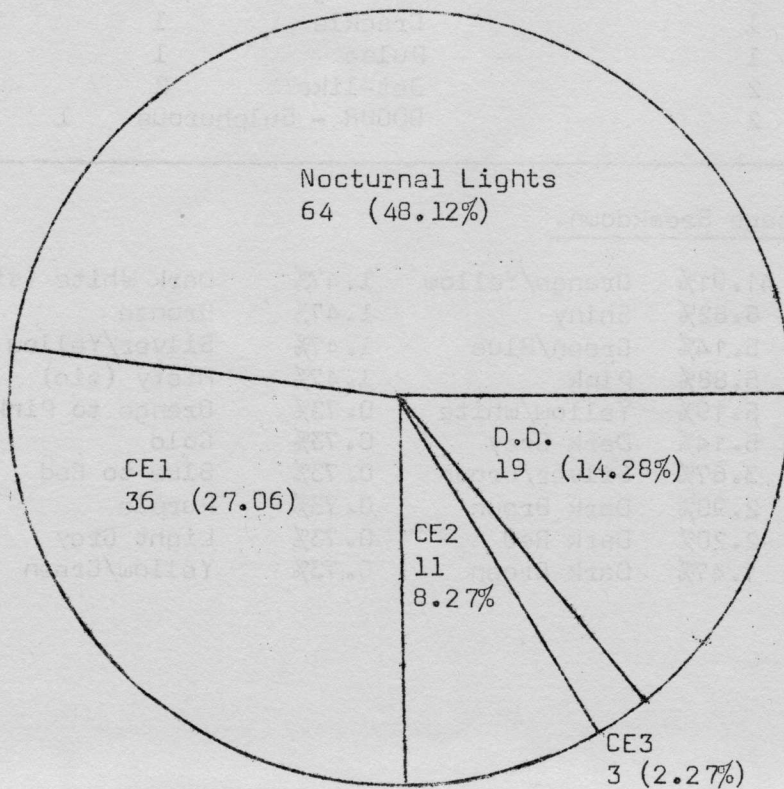
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Distribution of Reports.

Total Reports  
Unidentified

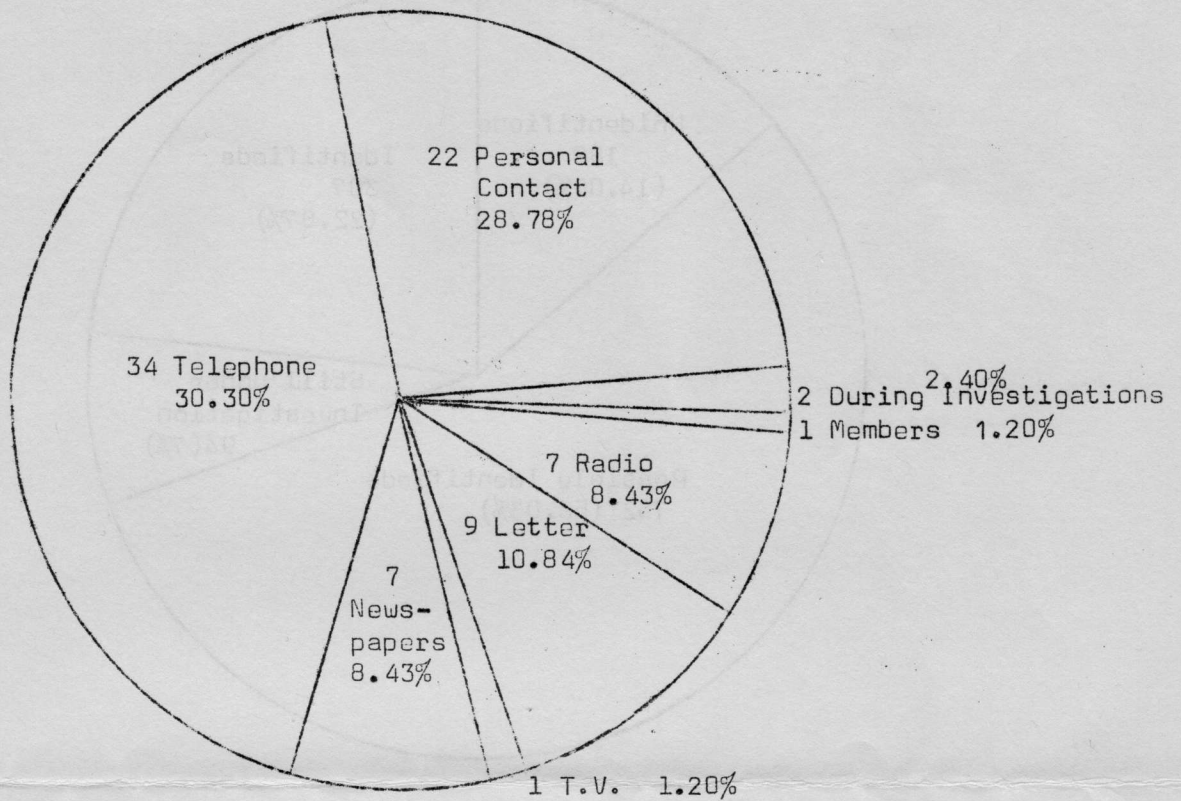


Types of Reports

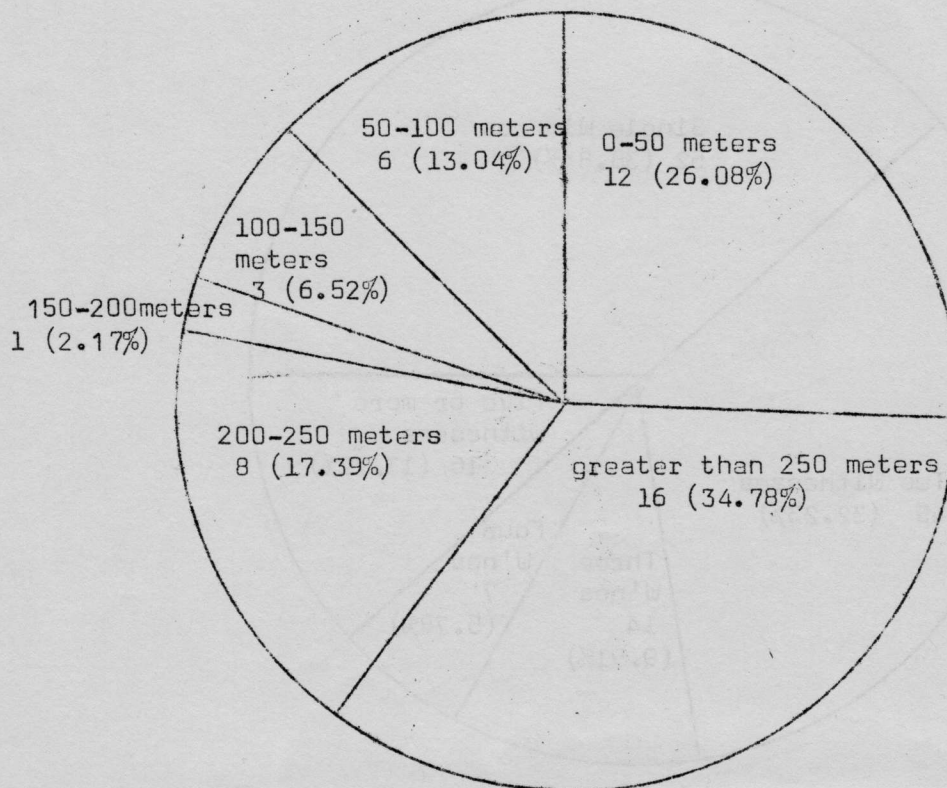


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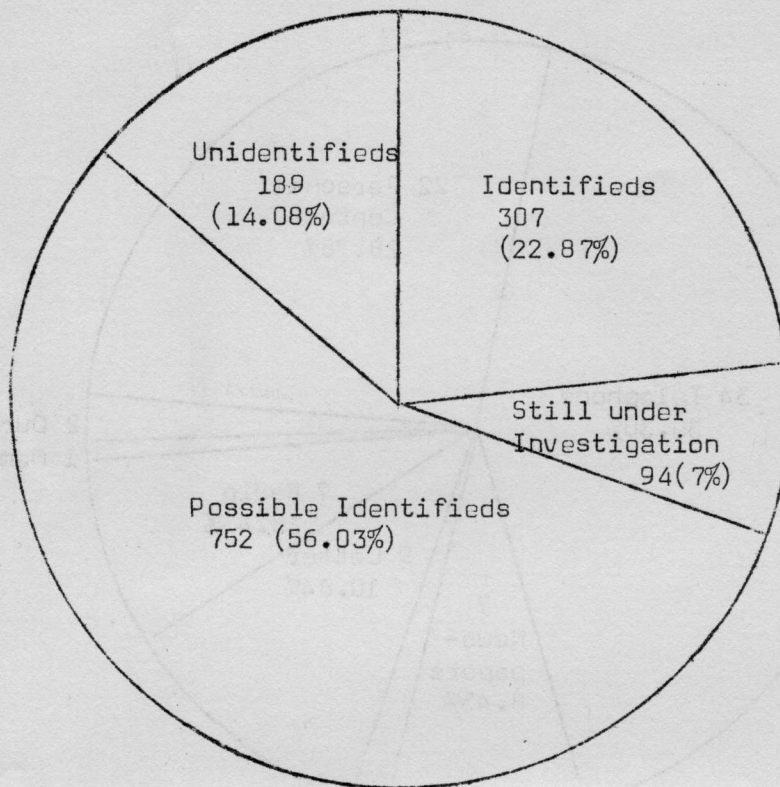
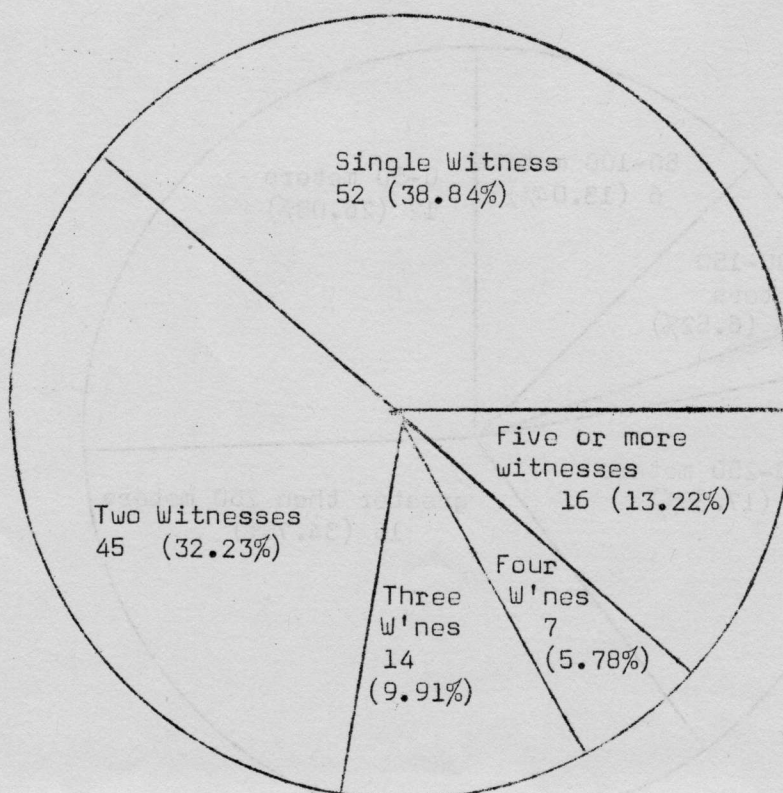
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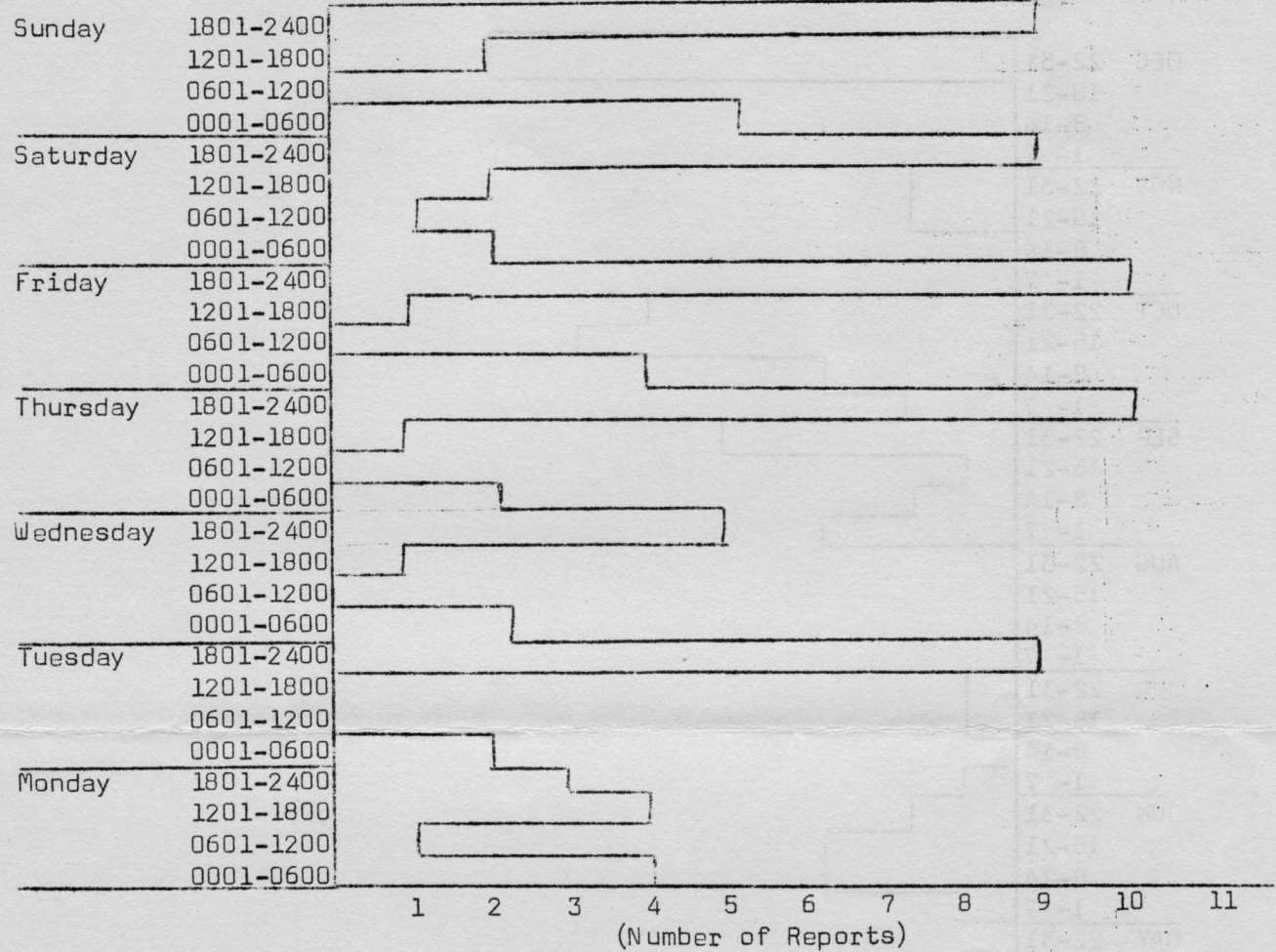


Estimated Distances from Witnesses to Object in CE Cases.

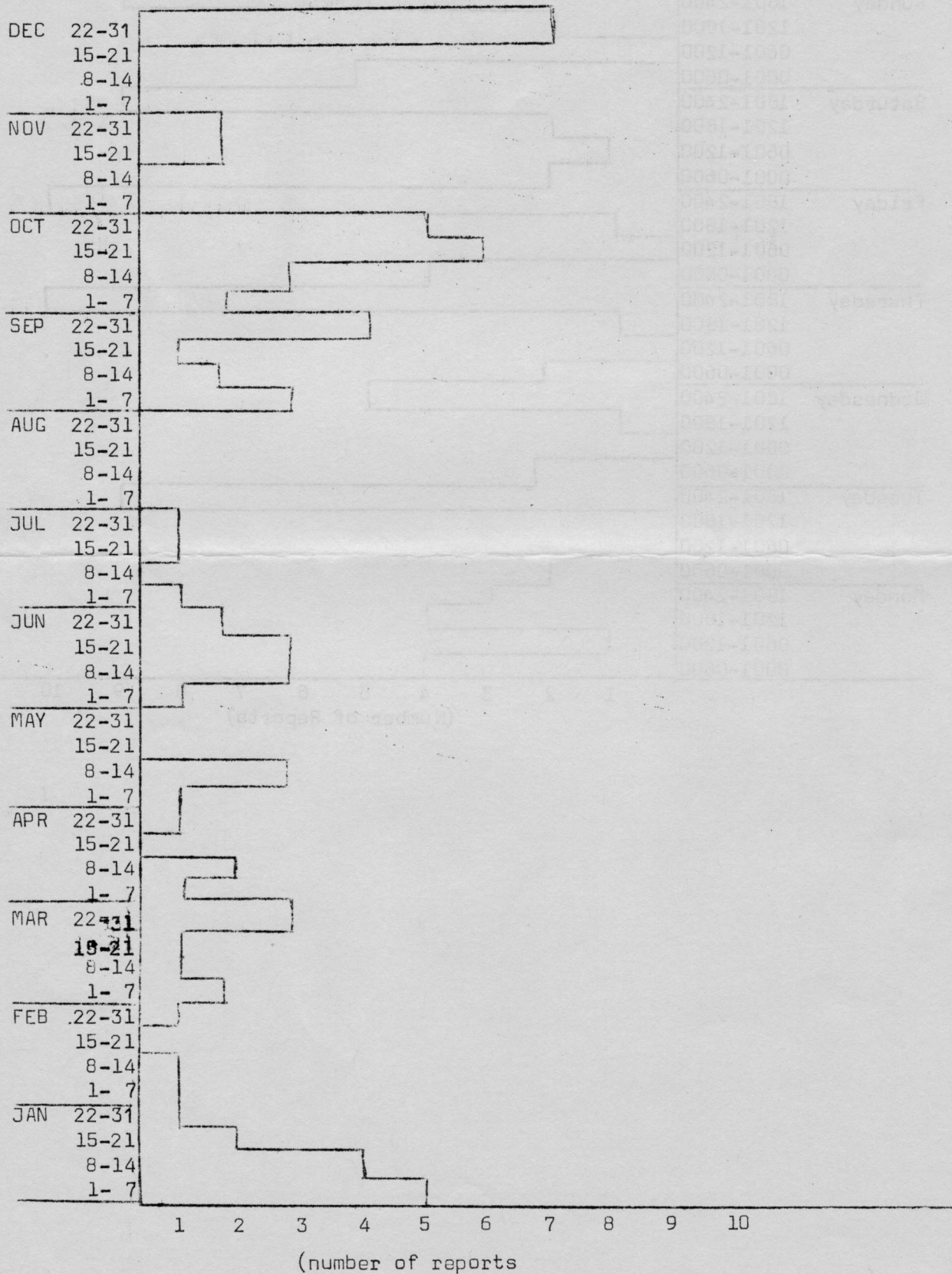


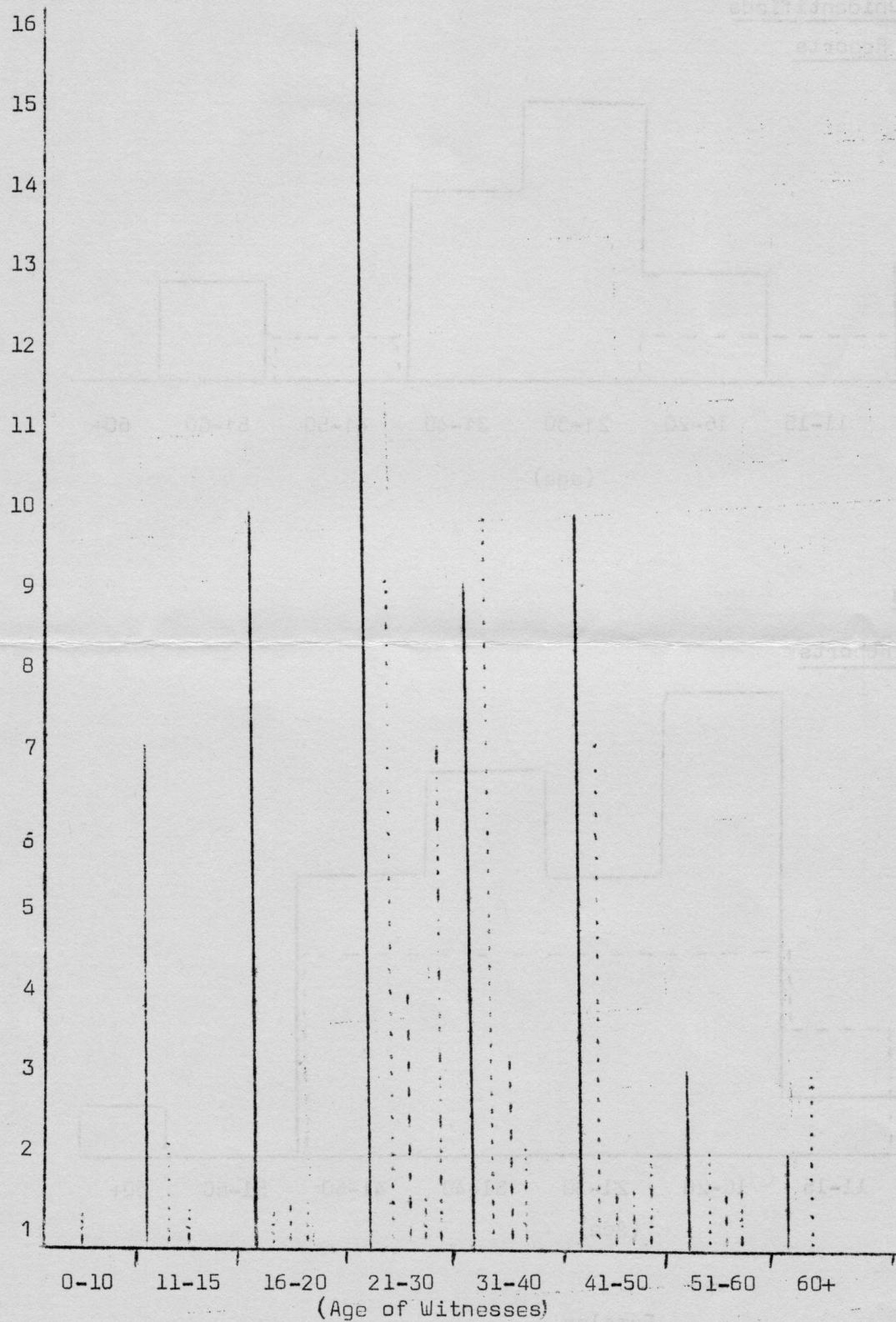


Details of Reports.Number of Witnesses

Days of WeekDay & Hour

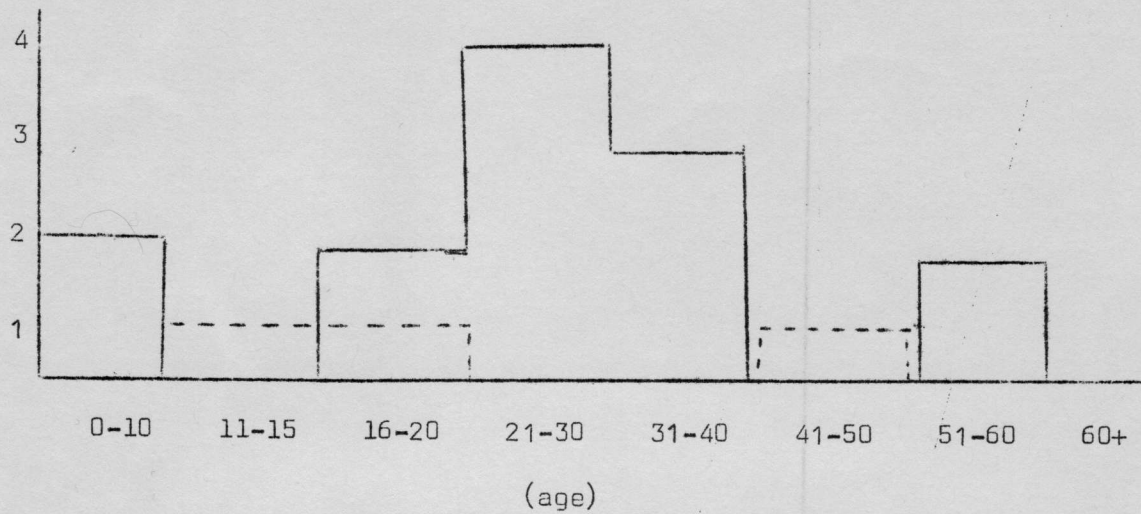
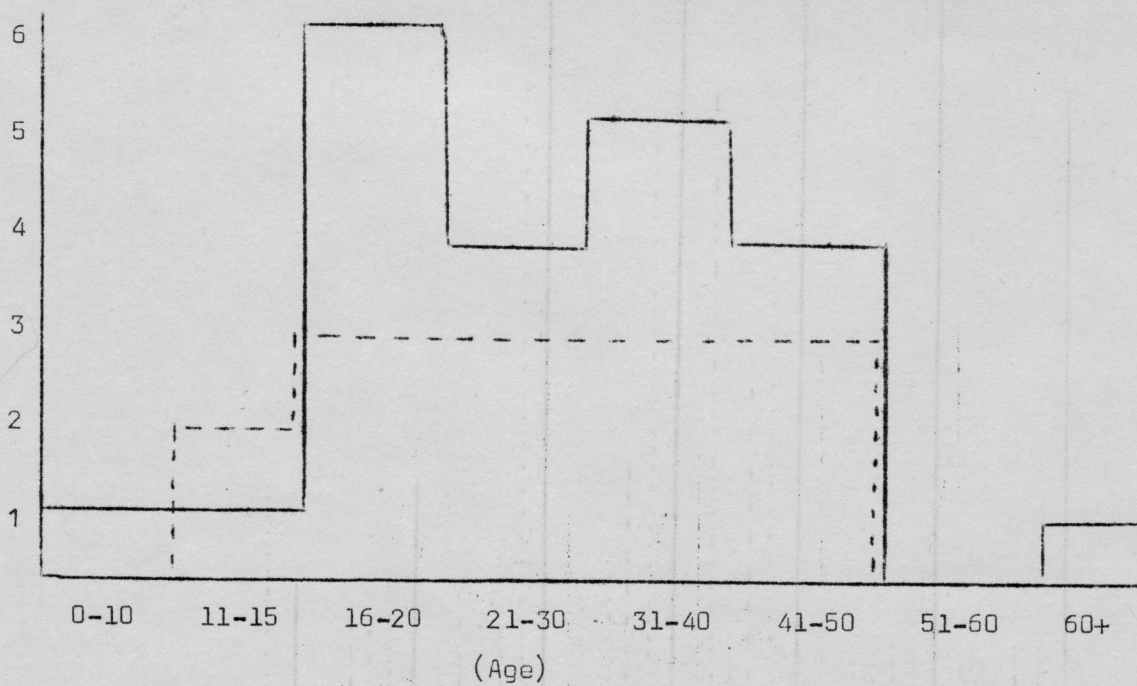


Months and Days of the MonthMonth & Date

Type of ReportsNumber of Reports

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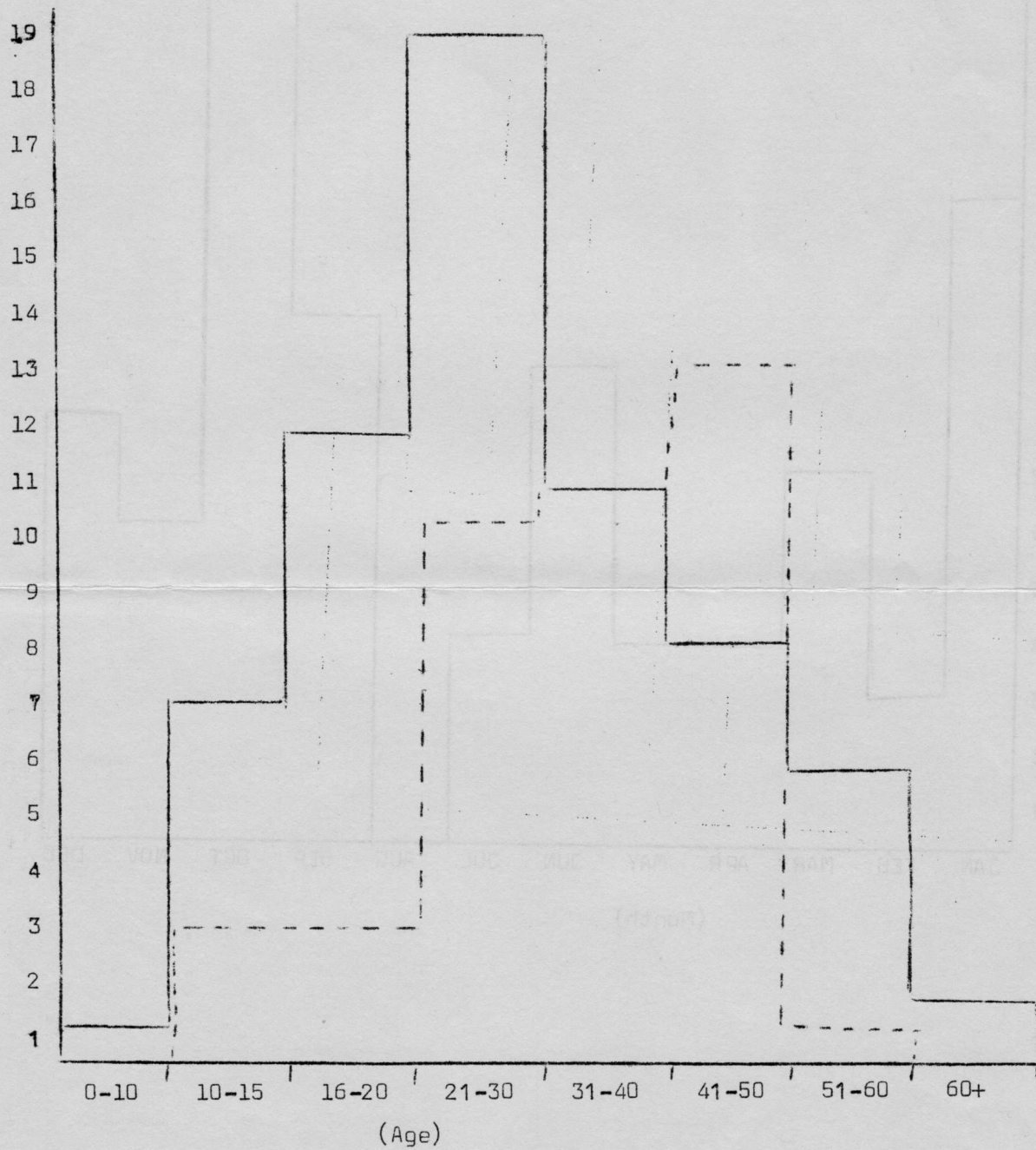


Age and SexPossibly UnidentifiedNumber of ReportsIdentifiedNumber of Reports

LEGEND:

Males

Females

Age and SexUnidentifieds.Numbers of Reports.



Total Number of Reports By Month.

Number of Reports

